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# Budget for a Better Minnesota: Health Care

## Better Health for Every Dollar

**Minnesota is a national leader in providing quality health care at low costs. But health and human services are still the fastest growing parts of our budget, with costs rising 8.5% each year. We can do more to improve health and reduce costs. The 2013 budget makes crucial reforms to deliver better services at a better price for taxpayers.**

### Delivering Better Care at a Better Price

» **Expanding Coverage to over 200,000 More Minnesotans.** As a result of this budget, more than 235,000 more Minnesotans will receive health care coverage.

- **Saving \$129M by Expanding Medical Assistance.** As the 2013 legislative session began, Minnesota was already estimated to save \$1.3 billion over five years as a result of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). By expanding Medical Assistance (MA), the Governor added \$129 million of savings for 2014 and 2015, and delivered coverage for 35,000 low income adults. The budget implements additional ACA measures that improve coverage and service in our MA program and will provide coverage for an additional 73,000 Minnesotans.
- **Continue and Improve MinnesotaCare.** This budget will continue and improve the MinnesotaCare program. Premiums will be cut, and the hospital cap and co-pay will be eliminated. The improved program will provide coverage for an additional 127,000 adults through MinnesotaCare in 2015.

» **Giving Every Child a Chance to Succeed.** The budget invests millions to ensure that all of Minnesota's children are healthy and safe. There is a \$19.4 million investment in increased access to quality childcare for high needs children and \$7.4 million for school linked children's mental health grants. The budget also provides funding to move children from foster care into permanent homes more quickly.

» **Investing in Long Term Care.** This budget represents the largest single increase in nursing home funding in 15 years; to ensure our state is doing right by our oldest and most vulnerable citizens. Nursing facilities, as well as home and community based service providers, receive a \$200 million in increases in this budget. This increase goes towards a 5% rate increase this biennium, with an additional 3.2% increase the following biennium. These increases are tied to quality, and will help drive improvements in the level of care our clients receive.

» **Expanding Autism Coverage.** The Governor's budget requires large insurers to cover treatment for people who have autism. An estimated 750,000 people will receive coverage.

» **Improving Mental Health Care.** This budget includes \$10 million for mental health initiatives including school-linked mental health grants to improve the mental health care available in

schools. This program helps to identify mental health issues in children at a younger age, increasing their opportunities for treatment.

## **Cost Savings through Reform**

» **Bending the Cost Curve.** Since taking office, the Dayton administration has saved taxpayers over \$1 billion through managed care reforms including competitive bidding and a voluntary cap on profits. The Governor's budget builds on these reforms to ensure Minnesotans receive the highest possible value for their public dollars, saving more than \$84 million in 2014 and 2015.

» **Reform 2020.** The Governor's budget changes how seniors and people with disabilities receive long-term care, delivering the right services at the right time. By providing more choice and helping people stay in their homes, Reform 2020 will save taxpayers \$151 million over 5 years.

» **Fighting Fraud, Waste and Abuse.** The Governor's budget increases the state's capacity to root out fraud in public programs, including healthcare, childcare, and nursing home settings.